

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the people on this floor and the people watching on television a very simple question. Do you know if I am carrying the COVID virus?

In fact, do you know if the next person you meet is going to be carrying the COVID virus?

And the answer is, you don't know, because we cannot see this virus with our naked eyes. And you don't know how this virus is going to interact with your body if it comes in contact with you. Don't act like you do know.

Over 680,000 Americans have died. Millions more have been hospitalized, and many more are still suffering the effects of long COVID.

In Matthew 4:7, Jesus said: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.

God created the laws of chemistry and biology. God is not going to make an exception just for you for this biological virus.

So please be humble, not arrogant, and talk to your doctor about the best way to protect yourself against this virus.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CORPORAL HUMBERTO SANCHEZ

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of my fellow Hoosier, Corporal Humberto Sanchez. Alongside 12 of his brothers and sisters in arms, Corporal Sanchez died in the line of duty while helping to evacuate Americans and allies from Afghanistan.

This young Hoosier knew the risks of the mission and yet, he stood in the face of danger to help vulnerable children evacuate Abbey Gate at the Kabul airport. Instead of running from danger, he stayed at his post and finished the job before him.

Corporal Sanchez exemplified the greatest of the American spirit, a selfless willingness to lay down one's life to serve and protect. His service is the starkest reminder today that freedom is not free.

The American people are indebted to Corporal Sanchez, to each of the fallen, and to their families. We will never forget these heroes.

RAISE THE DEBT CEILING

(Mr. WELCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, the question before this Congress will be whether we do our duty and raise the debt ceiling. The question of the debt ceiling is not about authorizing new spending. It is about paying our bills, and it is no different than if a family decided it was sick of paying the mortgage and stiffed the bank. Enormous collateral

damage occurs to our economy and to our reputation.

What is so dangerous about what is starting to happen in this Congress is that one side is embracing tactics, shutting down government, defaulting on our debt, that have the likelihood of collateral damage to our reputation, our economy, to our jobs and our prosperity. These tactics, shutting down government, defaulting on paying our bills, much of which have been run up by the Trump administration, must be renounced.

Raise the debt ceiling. Pay our bills. Do our duty.

SAY NO TO ABORTION ON DEMAND

(Mr. HERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, in what is, no doubt, a knee-jerk reaction to the recent legislative victory to protect unborn life in the State of Texas, Democrats have introduced the Women's Health Protection Act. However, we know what this piece of legislation really should be called, the abortion on demand act.

H.R. 3755 completely strips State legislatures of their autonomy to write the laws of their own State and will, in effect, make all 50 States late-term abortion States.

Not only is this a gross overreach of the Federal authority, a direct violation of States' rights to decide their own laws, it is just plain wrong.

Provisions in H.R. 3755 include the elimination of laws requiring parental involvement in a minor's decision to abort a baby, laws preventing abortions based on a baby's sex or diagnosis with a mental disability, as well as laws preventing dismemberment abortions.

It is clear that this bill has nothing to do with protecting women's health; rather, it is the result of Democrats bending the knee to the unethical abortion industry.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the abortion on demand act.

REBUILD OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, next week we can make bold investments in our Nation, helping families, workers, and communities across the country, by passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Everyone, no matter where you live, deserves access to modern, dependable infrastructure and transportation, water, and so many other efforts that improve our quality of life.

We are living off the investments our parents and grandparents made a generation ago. As an example, in my dis-

trict, in California's San Joaquin Valley, residents in the rural community of Dos Palos were living with an aging water infrastructure system. Last summer, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, problems with this decades-old water treatment plant left them without clean drinking water for 3 days. Residents and businesses suffered. That is simply unacceptable wherever you live in America.

I was able to work with Assemblymember Adam Gray, and we were able to help secure State and Federal funding to construct a new treatment plant, but this piecemeal way of fixing our infrastructure is not the way to go.

We must pass transformative pieces of legislation to rebuild our Nation's infrastructure, for water, for transportation, broadband, and so many other investments that are deeply and sorely needed. Making life better for all Americans should be the priority of everyone who serves in Congress.

The health and development of our communities and the economy depends upon this vote. I urge your support.

CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, for the last six weeks, I was working in my district, meeting with constituents and local officials. The top issue of concern was overwhelmingly centered around California's drought. But this is not a concern to my community alone.

Our farmers cannot continue to grow food for the American families without water. The consequences of this drought and for our entire Nation cannot be understated. Even leaders outside of California are taking notice.

House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member BRUCE WESTERMAN, as well as USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack, visited the Valley in August to witness the absolute disaster at hand. It is critical that the House majority follow the lead of those who have seen the suffering firsthand and act immediately by supporting legislation such as my bills, the RENEW WIIN Act and the NEED Water Now Act.

JUSTICE IN POLICING THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE

(Mr. CARTER of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, there were over a dozen instances in the past 10 years in which members of the Louisiana State Police ignored or concealed evidence of beatings and interfered with efforts to root out misconduct. The videos show extremely distressing scenes where primarily Black Louisianans were subject to horrifying violence by troopers.